

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method, comprising:
- (a) identifying in a computing system product attributes
associated with a product; and,
- (b) resolving a first subset of the product attributes to
determine licensing dependencies for the product.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 further including, prior to identifying,
storing the product attributes in the computing system.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying the product
15 attributes includes identifying components of the product and licenses associated
with the components.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein identifying the product
attributes further includes identifying usage models associated with the
20 components.
5. The method of claim 3 wherein identifying the product
attributes further includes identifying license attributes of the licenses.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1 further including resolving the
licensing dependencies with a second subset of the product attributes to identify
a potential license for the product.

7. A method, comprising:
 - (a) identifying in a computing system licensing attributes associated with one or more components of a product; and,
 - (b) resolving the licensing attributes to determine
5 licensing aspects related to the product.
8. The method of claim 7 further including resolving the licensing attributes with product attributes of the product to identify potential licensing considerations for the product.
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9. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions configured to: (a) identify licensing attributes associated with one or more components of a product, and (b) resolve the licensing attributes to determine licensing dependencies for the product.
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10. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions configured to: (a) identify licensing dependencies associated with one or more components of a product, and (b) generate potential licensing considerations for the product.
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11. A data signal embodied in a carrier medium and configured to: (a) identify licensing attributes associated with one or more components of a product, and (b) resolve the licensing attributes to determine licensing dependencies for the product.
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12. A data signal embodied in a carrier medium and configured to: (a) identify licensing dependencies associated with one or more components of a product, and (b) generate potential licensing considerations for the product.
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13. A computing system comprising:
 - (a) component data indicative of components associated with a product;
 - (b) license data indicative of licenses associated with the components; and
 - (c) control logic configured to resolve the component data with the license data to determine licensing dependencies for the product.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the component data includes component use data indicative of use associations between the components.

15. The system of claim 13 wherein the license data includes license attributes data that define key elements of the licenses.

16. The system of claim 13 further including product attribute data indicative of attributes associated with the product, and wherein the control logic is further configured to resolve the licensing dependencies with the product attribute data to identify a potential license for the product.

17. A license generation system, comprising:

- (a) license dependency data associated with one or more components of a product;
- (b) product attribute data associated with the product;

and

- (c) control logic configured to resolve the license dependency data with the product attribute data to generate potential licensing considerations for the product.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein the license dependency data includes licensing elements identified with licenses associated with the one or more components.

19. A computing system comprising:
- (a) a processor configured to execute instructions;
 - (b) at least one memory device coupled to the processor;
 - 5 (c) component data stored in the at least one memory device and indicative of components associated with a product;
 - (d) license data stored in the at least one memory device and indicative of licenses associated with the components; and
 - (e) control logic stored in the at least one memory device
 - 10 and configured to resolve the component data with the license data to determine licensing dependencies for the product.

20. The system of claim 19 further including product attribute data stored in the at least one memory device and indicative of attributes
- 15 associated with the product, and wherein the control logic is further configured to resolve the licensing dependencies with the product attribute data to identify a potential license for the product.